

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1           1.     A method comprising:
  - 2                     receiving entertainment programming input;
  - 3                     identifying multiple available versions of an entertainment program;
  - 4                     identifying, for each of the multiple versions, a set of descriptive information
  - 5                     regarding the respective version;
  - 6                     accessing user preferences; and
  - 7                     selecting one of the multiple versions for display based on a comparison of the
  - 8                     descriptive information to the user preferences.
- 1           2.     The method of claim 1, wherein identifying comprises identifying multiple
  - 2                     versions of the entertainment program that start within a threshold period of time of one
  - 3                     another.
- 1           3.     The method of claim 1, wherein at least some of the multiple versions are
  - 2                     provided on different transport media, the method further comprising:
    - 3                         identifying, for each of the one or more different channel transport media,
    - 4                         a set of descriptive information regarding the channel transport medium; and
    - 5                         wherein selecting comprises comparing the sets of channel transport
    - 6                         medium descriptive information to the user preferences.

1           4.       The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a selection of an  
2       entertainment program and wherein identifying multiple versions comprises identifying  
3       alternate versions of the selected entertainment program.

1           5.       The method of claim 1, wherein selecting comprises selecting the one of  
2       the multiple versions having the set of descriptive information most closely resembling  
3       the set of user preferences.

1           6.       The method of claim 1, wherein the descriptive information comprises a  
2       plurality of characteristics and wherein selecting comprises selecting the one of the  
3       multiple versions having the most number of characteristics that conform to the user  
4       preferences.

1           7.       The method of claim 1, wherein the set of descriptive information for each  
2       of the multiple versions includes one or more of channel transport medium, duration of  
3       the version, type of audio support for the version, availability of enhanced programming  
4       for the version, language of subtitles in the version, language spoken in the version,  
5       screen format of the version, and color code of the version.

1           8.       The method of claim 1, further comprising identifying a user of an  
2       entertainment system and wherein accessing user preferences comprises accessing a user  
3       preferences for the identified user.

1           9.       The method of claim 1, wherein identifying multiple versions comprises  
2       searching through data of an electronic programming guide.

1           10.      A storage medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that,  
2       when executed by a processor, result in:  
3                   receiving entertainment programming input;

4 identifying multiple available versions of an entertainment program;  
5 identifying, for each of the multiple versions, a set of descriptive information  
6 regarding the respective version;  
7 accessing user preferences; and  
8 selecting one of the multiple versions for display based on a comparison of the  
9 descriptive information to the user preferences..

1 11. The storage medium of claim 9, wherein the plurality of instructions, when  
2 executed by the processor, further result in identifying multiple versions of the  
3 entertainment program that start within a threshold period of time of one another.

1 12. The storage medium of claim 9, wherein at least some of the multiple  
2 versions are provided on different transport media, wherein the plurality of instructions,  
3 when executed by the processor, further result in:

4 identifying, for each of the one or more different channel transport media,  
5 a set of descriptive information regarding the channel transport medium; and  
6 selecting by comparing the sets of channel transport medium descriptive  
7 information to the user preferences.

1 13. The storage medium of claim 9, wherein the plurality of instructions, when  
2 executed by the processor, further result in receiving a selection of an entertainment  
3 program and identifying alternate versions of the selected entertainment program.

1 14. The storage medium of claim 9, wherein the plurality of instructions, when  
2 executed by the processor, further result in selecting the one of the multiple versions of  
3 the entertainment program having the set of descriptive information most closely  
4 resembling the set of user preferences.

1           15.     The storage medium of claim 9, wherein the set of descriptive information  
2     for each of the multiple versions includes one or more of channel transport medium,  
3     duration of the version, type of audio support for the version, availability of enhanced  
4     programming for the version, language of subtitles in the version, language spoken in the  
5     version, screen format of the version, and color code of the version.

1           16.     (Amended) An apparatus comprising:  
2                   a program guide controller to receive entertainment programming input;  
3                   a selection controller coupled to the program guide controller to identify multiple  
4     available versions of an entertainment program, to identify, for each of the multiple  
5     versions, a set of descriptive information regarding the respective version, to access user  
6     preferences and to select one of the multiple versions for display based on a comparison  
7     of the descriptive information to the user preferences; and  
8                   a device controller, coupled to the selection controller, to display the selected one  
9     of the multiple versions of the entertainment program.

1           17.     The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the selection controller is also to  
2     identify multiple versions of the entertainment program that start within a threshold  
3     period of time of one another.

1           18.     The apparatus of claim 16, wherein at least some of the multiple versions  
2     are provided on different transport media and wherein the selection controller is further  
3     to:  
4                   identify, for each of the one or more different channel transport media, a  
5     set of descriptive information regarding the channel transport medium; and

6 choose one of the multiple versions for display based on the sets of  
7 descriptive information.

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1 19. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein in selecting one of the multiple  
2 versions for display, the selection controller is to select the one of the multiple versions of  
3 the entertainment program having the set of descriptive information most closely  
4 resembling the set of user preferences.

1 20. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the descriptive information comprises  
2 a plurality of characteristics and wherein in selecting the selection controller is to select  
3 the one of the multiple versions having the most number of characteristics that conform to  
4 the user preferences.

1 21. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the set of descriptive information for  
2 each of the multiple versions includes one or more of duration of the version, type of  
3 audio support for the version, availability of enhanced programming for the version,  
4 language of subtitles in the version, language spoken in the version, screen format of the  
5 version, and color code of the version.